

INVESTIGATION OF 'UFO ABDUCTION/MISSING FETUS' CASE YIELDS PROSAIC EXPLANATION TO CHALLENGE BUDD HOPKINS' GENETIC EXPERIMENT THEORY:

In the beginning, the case seemed to resemble those reported by Budd Hopkins, leader of the "UFO Abduction Movement," who claims that ETs are engaged in an extraterrestrial genetic experiment which involves impregnating our women, then returning later to remove the fetes for transplant to an ET female. This is what Hopkins claims happened to "Kathie Davis" (a pseudonym for Debbie Tomey, who since has gone public, who formed the centerpiece of his book "Intruders," as well as other women. [My book "UFO Abductions: A Dangerous Game" cited several possible prosaic explanations for "missing fetuses."])

Rigorous investigation by long-time pro-UFOlogist Ann Druffel, a charter member of the Los Angeles UFO Research Group, and Georgeanne Ciparelli, a physician's wife, yielded a more prosaic explanation, as Druffel reports in a fascinating article in the November, 1991, issue of the MUFON UFO Journal (p. 8). She characterizes the case as "a possible breakthrough in the UFO research field. To our knowledge, this is the first time complete documentation has been obtained in a 'missing fetus' case....Because this situation seemed to promise verification of an actual 'missing fetus' report, the Fund for UFO Research granted the fund" for the effort.

According to Druffel's account, using pseudonyms to protect privacy, Mrs. V.K., who lives in Southern California, had reported numerous encounters with "entities" from 1987 through 1991. These included "invasion of her home by a short, white-skinned entity who awakened her from sleep and reportedly performed some type of invasive gynecological procedure in January 1988. The next day, she and her husband reported finding a 13-ft. dia. circle of burned grass in their backyard. Her husband reported a nighttime visit by two entities and he reported feeling paralyzed. Their four-year old son reported a nighttime visit by entities and recalled "trips on spacecraft." After these experiences, Mrs. V.K. said she felt an "unexplained desire" to have a second child, even though she and her husband had earlier agreed not to because of their ages.

In early 1988, Mrs. V.K. contacted Budd Hopkins who referred her to UFOlogists Cheryl Fernandez, a chiropractor and Dr. Richard Neal, an obstetrician. As a result, Mrs. V.K. joined one of Hopkins' "self-help for abductees" groups, according to Druffel. "By the time her 1989 pregnancy terminated in what seemed to her a totally mysterious fashion, she had read several books on the subject and was aware of other 'abductees' who had reported 'missing fetuses,'" according to Druffel's article in the MUFON UFO Journal.

In late January 1989, Mrs. V.K. learned that she was pregnant and a month later, her obstetrician, "Dr. Levine," performed an ultrasonic scan of the fetus and assured her that "everything was fine." But in late March, when he performed another ultrasonic scan, he informed Mrs. V.K. he could not detect any cardiovascular activity in the fetus, prompting him to send her to "Dr. Holland," a perinatologist who informed her that the fetus was dead. Mrs. V.K. immediately went to the hospital so Dr. Levine could remove the fetus. Later, when Mrs. V.K. visited her doctor and asked about the sex of the fetus, he showed her the pathologist's report indicating "no fetal parts," i.e. a "missing fetus." According to Mrs. V.K., Dr. Levine said the absence of a fetus "was something he could not explain."

Mrs. V.K. recalled that while she was in the hospital awaiting the procedure, "a small statured person" entered her room, "spoke a few sympathetic words to her and patted her head." Mrs. V.K. said she was "disquieted by the woman's appearance. She had bony arms and hands, with long fingers, her features were pointed and sharp," and she was not wearing a traditional nurse's uniform. When Mrs. V.K. entered her hospital room, the "entity" reportedly left the room and did not return until he left.

Suspecting that this strange looking woman was an ET who had removed the dead fetus, Mrs. V.K. decided in early 1991 to try to substantiate this hypothesis by obtaining medical records of the pathologist and perinatologist (Dr. Holland). Without informing Dr. Levine of her UFO interests and suspicions, she asked him also for a written report.

On June 21, 1991, Druffel had an hour-long tape-recorded interview with Dr. Levine. He explained that when Mrs. V.K. had visited him for the first ultrasonic scan when the fetus was five weeks old, the scan had failed to detect any cardiovascular activity. But under certain conditions it might not be detectable and he had opted not to needlessly alarm her. When she returned a month later, and he still could not detect cardiovascular activity, he had sent her to Dr. Holland.

When Mrs. V.K. visited Dr. Levine seeking an explanation for the incident, Dr. Levine said he had no explanation--meaning that medical science is uncertain how a pregnant woman's body detects a flaw in the embryo and decides to terminate the pregnancy. Because Mrs. V.K. had never told Dr. Levine of her involvement in the UFO-Abduction Movement, he could not know that she would interpret his answer as apparent confirmation of her beliefs. When Druffel interviewed the pathologist, she learned that the material extracted from Mrs. V.K. did not technically qualify as a "fetus." (For more technical details, read the Druffel article.)

Dr. Levine told Druffel that he was unaware of any "case suggestive of a true 'missing fetus.' He stated that any doctor, coming upon such a situation, would be obliged to document it thoroughly--which nowadays, with the advent of ultrasound and other advances in technology, is easily done." Levine told Druffel that with such hard data, "medical journals would willingly print articles describing real incidents of 'missing fetuses,' yet to his knowledge no such case has been described in any medical journal."

Druffel notes that some UFOlogists assume that doctors would be reluctant to disclose such "missing fetus" incidents. But Dr. Levine's response was that "a physician encountering such a mysterious occurrence would be anxious to talk about the case, because legally and medically he'd want to show that he did not do anything wrong."

SUN compliments Druffel and Cifarelli for a fine job of investigative reporting, and MUFON UFO Journal editor Dennis Stacy for publishing an article that is likely to evoke criticism from some MUFON members.

THIS IS THE SECOND INSTANCE IN RECENT MONTHS WHERE THE BASIC "EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL GENETIC EXPERIMENT" HYPOTHESIS OF BUDD HOPKINS AND HIS PRINCIPAL DISCIPLE--DAVID JACOBS--HAS BEEN QUESTIONED BY PRO-UFOLOGISTS. At last summer's MUFON conference, Michael Swords challenged the idea that it is genetically possible for ETs and Earthlings to cross-breed. [See SUN #11, Sept. 1991, p. 4]

The latest issue of Hopkins' Intruder Foundation newsletter, called "IF," would have been an appropriate platform for Hopkins to respond to the Swords challenge, but it was not even mentioned. (It was only the third issue in three years of what was supposed to be a quarterly publication.)

AS THE HOPKINS/JACOBS "EXTRATERRESTRIAL GENETIC EXPERIMENT" HYPOTHESIS SLOWLY SINKS IN THE WEST, THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO CLAIM THAT UFO-ABDUCTION REPORTS ARE FACT, NOT FANTASY, CAN TURN TO AN ALTERNATIVE HYPOTHESIS: THAT SEXUAL HARASSMENT--even of juveniles--IS ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR IN ET's "VERY ADVANCED (BUT PRURIENT) CIVILIZATION."

If abduction tales are true, ETs are violating U.S. laws which prohibit kidnapping and sexual harassment. IT'S TIME THAT HOPKINS AND JACOBS BRING THEIR "UFO-ABDUCTION" EVIDENCE TO WASHINGTON AND PRESENT IT TO THE FBI AND TO CONGRESS.

ROSWELL GROUP SEEKS FUNDS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL UFO RESEARCH CENTER:

Walter G. Haut, who achieved international fame in UFO circles because 44 years ago (as a young public affairs officer) he issued a press release announcing that the Army Air Force had recovered a "flying disc" from a ranch northwest of the Roswell air base (later identified by AAF officials as a balloon-borne hexagonal radar reflector), is heading a group to raise funds for an International UFO Research Center and Museum in Roswell. Other members of the group include Glenn Dennis, a retired mortician who claims that a base hospital nurse gave him sketches of the ETs recovered from the crash site, Max Littell, a local real estate agent, and Jerry McCormack, editor of the Roswell Daily Record. A \$1,000 contribution will bring you a Lifetime Membership. Minimum participation requires a \$25 annual contribution. Contributions can be sent to P.O. Box 2221, Roswell, N.M. 88202.

Roswell Mayor William F. Brainerd proclaimed July 10, 1991, as "UFO Day" in honor of Kesin D. Randle and Donald Schmitt who visited the city to promote their book "UFO Crash at Roswell" and to conduct a seminar. The Roswell Daily Record quoted J.J. Johnston, executive director of the local Chamber of Commerce, as saying the seminar would "generate interest and proceed into starting a project that would capture the entire world's attention."

The Roswell Daily Record said Randle and Schmitt "pledge to continue research and bring more publicity to the Roswell area from curious people around the world." (At the moment, Roswell's largest employer, a bus manufacturer, has shut down for several months for lack of orders.)

That's Show Biz!

VARIETY, the "Bible" of the entertainment world, took a dim view of Henry Winkler's TV special "The UFO Report: Sightings," which aired on the Fox Network on Oct. 18. Reviewer Van Gordon Saute commented: "If this plodding advocacy represents the best case for the existence of UFOs, we can safely return to the assumption that airline food constitutes the most significant and inexplicable airborne threat to the nation...The broadcast, with all its murky photos and film of alleged UFOs, desperately needs a single shred of corroborated, credible evidence--or, in the marked absence of that, a mere sense of humor..."

"There are also contentions that irrefutable evidence supporting UFOs is in the hands of the government, but its release has been thwarted by--whoelse--the CIA and FBI, among others. There are ominous warnings that even presidents Carter and Ford were unable to wrest this evidence from the sinister bureaucracy."

Referring to the segment of the show dealing with claims of UFO abductions, Variety commented: "If the space folk are that eager to learn about humans, why aren't they poking and prodding the likes of Arnold Schwarzenegger or Madonna. In the absence of an answer to that, Fox should turn the quest for UFOs over to 'America's Most Wanted,' which has a far better record of locating elusive and dangerous characters in our midst."

MUFON's membership has more than doubled since its International Director, Walt Andrus, endorsed the "pokie" UFO photos and wild tales of Ed Walters. It now exceeds 3,000. The Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS), which formerly had nearly as many members/subscribers as MUFON, reportedly has dropped below 1,000 although it does not release figures. One "CUFOS drop-out" told SUN that she found CUFOS International UFO Reporter (IUR) to be "too esoteric and wordy." She added: "Its contents seem to reflect the interests of its editor (Jerry Clark) rather than the interests of its readers."

(COPY of PJK's [slightly tongue-in-cheek] LETTER TO BRUCE S. MACCABEE)

Nov. 29, 1991

Dear Bruce Maccabee:

Have just finished reading your most interesting and stimulating article in the Sept./Oct. 1991 issue of International UFO Reporter, entitled: "Hiding the Hardware."

On p. 10, you say you are "convinced [that] a cover group controls the [UFO] information and carries out research." And you cite "an individual (name not known to me [BSM]) who works with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and who has provided quite interesting information through a credible intermediary...[this source] 'S' has said there are hundreds of persons in the project, all with high security clearances; that these persons have mundane cover jobs..."

Also on p. 10, you say that another function of this cover group "might be the creation of disinformation to prevent unauthorized persons from getting too close to the ultimate secret. Disinformation is designed to provide enough correct checkable information so that the rest of the information, which is false, is believed." (Emphasis added.)

Of course, there is another type of disinformation that the cover group [CG] would use to keep the public from learning the truth about UFOs: To get one of the UFO Movement's seemingly most competent investigators, a respected Navy scientist with a Ph.D. in physics to publicly endorse such obviously spurious cases as Whitley Strieber's "UFO-abductions" and the Ed Walters/Gulf Breeze case.

It would be hard to find a scientist who was willing to make such nonsensical endorsements-unless he was a member of CG and was willing to humiliate himself publicly for "the cause."

By the way, don't you have a "high security clearance" and a "mundane cover job"? How curious that you call your JCS source "S"--which is your middle initial. If the foregoing conjecture is true, it would explain many things--such as who supplies the bulk of the money to Fund for UFO Research.

If you are a member of the Cover Group, or one of its support scientists, naturally you will deny it. But your denial will only lend support to my conjecture. Obviously you cannot admit that you are a member of CG without forfeiting your job and the extra \$\$\$\$ that you are paid for your covert/disinformation efforts.

Obviously, UFO cases that you publicly hail as impressive are ones that the Cover Group knows are hoaxes, misidentifications, etc. NONE ARE TRUFOS.

Naturally, your comments are invited.

PJK Note: As of Dec. 31, Maccabee has not replied.

ARE ETs CHRISTIAN, JEWISH or OTHER?

The following letter, signed by Kenneth Lloyd Larson, appeared in the Dec. 19 edition of The (Gulf Breeze) Sentinel: "In a recent article published in the MUFON UFO Journal for December 1991... author Bruce Maccabee said that he and 33 other people (some with binoculars, cameras, and video recorders) saw and photographed a beautiful object shaped like a ring and with eight or ten points of light. The ring-shaped object appeared over Gulf Breeze, Florida on Sept. 16, 1991. While reading this unusual article, I discovered that Sept. 16, 1991, plus exactly 100 days equals Dec. 25 or Christmas Day. Is this just a coincidence or is somebody up there trying to tell us something? [For details on this incident, see SUN #12 Nov. 1991]

On the other hand, perhaps ETs are Jewish because their Sept. 16 appearance was exactly 11 weeks before the first day of Hanukkah, known as the Festival of Lights. All eyes will be on Gulf Breeze on Jan. 10, 1992, which is 100 days before Easter, and on Feb. 1, which is 11 weeks before the first day of Passover!

MUFON OFFICIAL SAYS HE KNOWS PEOPLE WHO ARE IN REGULAR TELEPATHIC CONTACT WITH ETs:

The Nov. 14 edition of The (Gulf Breeze) Sentinel published a letter from Donald M. Ware, MUFON's Regional Director for the Eastern U.S. (and who was the primary investigator into the Ed Walters UFO case), which claims he knows "60 people who have been aboard [UFOs]" and "several credible people in our area who report frequent telepathic contact with the supposed occupants." [SUN suggests that Ware ask one of these persons to ask their ET friends to help unfurl the "stuck" high gain antenna on NASA's Galileo spacecraft enroute to Jupiter.] Ware's letter expressed concern that The Sentinel, recently purchased by the Gannett newspaper chain, is neglecting its coverage of local UFO activities.

Ware says he is "convinced [that] Ed and Frances and others were allowed such good photographic opportunities four years ago because the [ET] occupants wanted people to see the pictures." Although the "Red-light UFO" (RUFO) has shown up roughly 100 times this year, to be photographed by dozens of persons--some using telephoto lenses--not one of the many photos shows a saucer-shaped craft with illuminated portholes such as Ed Walters obtained using a 17 year-old Polaroid camera with a non-telephoto lens. Seemingly, the ETs want to be seen and photographed--but not in the detail that Walters' photos show. Curious lot, these ETs.

ETs NEVER SEEM TO EAT OR DRINK, ACCORDING TO "ABDUCTEES":

Not one of more than 400 "UFO-abductees" interviewed by Budd Hopkins and his principal disciple, David Jacobs, has reported seeing an ET eat or drink, according to a jointly authored article in the long-awaited third issue of the Hopkins newsletter, called IE. This "uniformity," according to Hopkins and Jacobs, "argues powerfully for their objective truth."

This suggests that ETs can go for weeks or months without food or drink--perhaps with a built-in purifying system that rejuvenates and recirculates their food and water. However, some of their "victims" who reportedly are held captive for hours, must surely need to use on-board toilet facilities. Yet not one of the more than 400 "abductees" has reported using such ET toilet facilities, so far as has been reported by "UFO-Abductionists."

One possible explanation is that ETs only abduct persons who have strong bladders. Another is that because none of the many books or articles dealing with "UFO-abductions" discusses toilet facilities aboard flying saucers, those who dream up abduction tales are reluctant to "invent" and describe such facilities, which would force them to speculate about the unseen portions of ET anatomy.

WHY HOPKINS IS CONVINCED THAT ED WALTERS IS A "UFO-ABDUCTEE":

Some of Budd Hopkins' subjects describe strange-looking symbols they claim to have seen while aboard a flying saucer, which Hopkins intentionally has kept under wraps and uses to "verify" the authenticity of other such reports. When Ed Walters, famous Gulf Breeze UFO photographer, underwent hypnosis, he recounted a UFO-abduction scenario. Ed drew symbols which he claimed to have seen on a table in the flying saucer--symbols which were "identical in nature to symbols which Hopkins has obtained from other abductees," according to one of Hopkins' associates.

Yet when Walters appeared on the Oprah Winfrey TV show on Sept. 7, 1990, he said: "I have never, quote, read my lips, I've never said that I've been abducted." This was only a few months after publication of his book which, on page 261, says: "When I was 41 years old, I photographed a UFO and was abducted." (See SUN #5, Sept. 1990.)

Although Walters' book claims he was abducted twice and was zapped by a paralyzing beam from the UFO on two occasions, Ed believes that none of his own experiences is as significant as what occurred in Gulf Breeze during the spring of 1990. In talk given at a UFO conference in Miami on May 12, 1990, Walters said: "This [new] event eclipses the earlier events--UFOs began to show up... at approximately 9 to 10 o'clock... People all about the town are on record as having seen some strange, red glowing object..." Since the debut of the RUFO (Red-light UFO), it has visited the Gulf Breeze area on more than 100 occasions. (See SUN #12, Nov. 1991.)

Although hundreds of persons have since reported seeing a RUFO, not a single person has reported being zapped or abducted by a RUFO, so far as is known. One possible explanation for this is that the ETs who fly the RUFOs are a much more benign breed than those who earlier visited Ed Walters. Another possible explanation is that Ed's tales are poppycock and that the RUFOs now being seen near Gulf Breeze are balloon-borne road flares being launched by someone trying to make Gulf Breeze into the nation's "UFO Capital."

ED WALTERS' ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN HIS WORDS:

Ed Walters claims that it was his concern for the safety and well-being of "our friends and neighbors" that prompted him to release his first UFO photos for publication in The (Gulf Breeze) Sentinel. In the Walters book, p. 31, Ed writes: "At first we thought we'd keep it to ourselves, not tell anyone. But what if this UFO continued to fly around our community? Didn't we have an obligation to our friends and neighbors? What if that had been our daughter, or some other child outside. Would they have been taken [i.e. abducted]? We finally decided we couldn't just keep quiet about it."

If Walters' claim were true, surely the first people he should have alerted that he had been zapped by a UFO in his front yard would be his neighbors. Ed's closest neighbors were Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Morris, who lived next door for 16 months during the time when Walters claims the first and numerous subsequent UFO visits. Their residence was only 20 feet away, at 610 Silverthorn Road. Yet Walters never alerted the Morris family to the potential threat, according to Mrs. Morris. Nor did Walters sound out the Morris family to determine if they also had seen a UFO. The most frequently occupied rooms in the Morris house--the kitchen, family room, master bedroom--all face/look out on the high school grounds where Ed Walters claims the UFO often hovered and (allegedly) was photographed.

DID ANYONE IN THE MORRIS FAMILY EVER SEE ED'S UFO? According to Mrs. Morris: "ON NO OCCASION DURING THAT 16 MONTH PERIOD DID WE SEE OR HEAR ANYTHING IN THE SLIGHTEST UNUSUAL. NOR DID WE EVER HEAR, AT THE TIME OR SINCE, OF ANY OF THE OTHER NEARBY NEIGHBORS REPORTING ANYTHING-- WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MR. WALTERS."

"CRASHED SAUCER" PROPONENTS TO MEET TO TRY TO RESOLVE CONTRADICTIONS:

The Kevin Randle/Don Schmitt and Stanton Friedman/Don Berliner teams are slated to meet in mid-February to try to resolve their sharply contradictory versions of the "Roswell crashed saucer" tale, with Michael Swords serving as "referee." Randle/Schmitt claim one saucer crashed in the vicinity of Corona, N.M., and that four ET bodies were recovered. Friedman/Berliner claim a mid-air collision of two saucers with the second crashing near San Agustin Plains, nearly 200 miles to the west, with recovery of another three ET bodies plus one live ET. (See SUN #11 Sept. 1991). Meeting, which is to be audio and video recorded for the public record, should be a "best seller." Las Vegas odds maker Nick The Greek reportedly is quoting 100,000:1 odds that Friedman will talk more than ALL the other participants combined, but can find no takers.

Beyond the fundamental differences between the Randle/Schmitt and Friedman/Berliner camps there are "institutional rivalries." Schmitt is Director of Special Investigations for the Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) while Friedman holds a similar position for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). CUFOS has strongly endorsed the Randle/Schmitt book, while the MUFON UFO Journal has published a harshly critical review of the book authored by Friedman who assured readers they will find a more accurate account in his upcoming book.

If Randle/Schmitt were to concede that Friedman/Berliner are correct, it would mean that their recent book "UFO Crash at Roswell" is grossly in error. If Friedman/Berliner were to concede that Randle/Schmitt are correct, there would be no justification for their new book, slated for publication this fall. If moderator Swords is able to achieve a compromise between the two rival camps, SUN predicts he will be named to oversee negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbors and will resolve all their differences within 48 hours.

CROP-CIRCLES MYSTERY SOLVED, ACCORDING TO BRITISH MAGAZINE:

John Rimmer, in an article published in the Nov. 1991 issue of "Magonia" magazine, which focuses on claims of the paranormal, writes: "I think we can now safely say that the corn-circle mystery is solved. The solution came with two of this year's most spectacular and beautiful patterns, the Barbury Castle construction, and the Cambridgeshire Mandelbrot Set. The Barbury Castle figure is notable for the complexity and precision of its design, and its unveiling of the splendid new figure in cereal geometry, the 'ratcheted spiral.' The appearance of the Mandelbrot figure just a few miles from Cambridge [University], the center for computer and mathematical research and development in Britain, is a splendidly satirical piece of nonsense.

"We can be pretty certain in ruling out even the most intelligent meteorological phenomena as the sources for these masterpieces," Rimmer wrote. "Some of the more mystically inclined cereola(?)logists will enthusiastically embrace 'unknown intelligences' as the creators, but I would ask them why, in the otherwise faultless Barbury pattern, the side of the triangle is diverted slightly to avoid cutting into the middle ring of the central set. This looks far more like the subtle adjustment of human perpetrators who realized at the last moment that their construction was slightly less than totally accurate, than the deliberate design of some supernatural agency. After all, to err is human, and to fudge the results [is] reassuringly human." The crop circle figure created near Cambridge University is a gigantic representation of the mathematical figure known as the Mandelbrot Set, familiar to students of Chaos Theory.

Rimmer concludes: "Now is surely the time to admit that all the crop circles are man-made, and get down to the really interesting problems: Who's making them?...Some people have suggested a military involvement....Unfortunately, those who make this suggestion seem to put it forward as a sort of 'government cover-up' plot, with the military doing hoaxes to disguise the 'real' phenomenon. This is not surprising, as old-time ufologists were just waiting for the 'government cover-up' theory to come out of hiding...Let us enjoy the circles, appreciate them as art..."

FUFOR SEEKS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE CONGRESS OF "CRASHED SAUCER" COVERUP:

Fund for UFO Research admits its earlier effort to motivate a Congressional investigation into claims of a 1947 crashed-saucer recovery, which included a video tape interview with about a dozen (alleged) "witnesses" turned up by William L. Moore, Stanton Friedman, Kevin Rundle and Don Schmitt, fell short of convincing the Senate Government Affairs Subcommittee on Investigations. The response to this "evidence," which FUFOR finds so impressive, was "We're not convinced, but let us know if there are any new developments," according to Bruce S. Maccabee, who chairs FUFOR. With contributions which FUFOR is now seeking it proposes to make a new hour-long video which will include "interviews with more than 30 witnesses to the retrieval of alien craft and bodies in New Mexico," according to Maccabee. In addition, FUFOR will supply sworn testimony from (some? all?) the alleged witnesses. Persons who contribute \$50 or more will receive a copy of the video.

FUFOR, which already has supplied more than \$50,000 for research into the Roswell crashed saucer incident, currently has several additional requests for funds. These include two requests from Friedman: one for \$15,860 is to "conduct hypnosis sessions with known and potential witnesses." The second is for \$6,545 for "further research at the Truman and Eisenhower Libraries, the Sandia and Los Alamos Laboratories, and the Library of Congress."

If Friedman should get his \$6,545 grant, and fail to find any "smoking guns" at any of the libraries, he will be able to claim that FUFOR's public disclosure of his intentions enabled the Government to search and destroy evidence that would confirm the crashed-saucer/alien recovery.

DR. RIMA LAIBOW EXPANDS HER "UFO-ABDUCTION" ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE "PSYCHICS" AND ANALYSIS OF ALLEGED UFO PHYSICAL ARTIFACTS.

Dr. Rima Laibow, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. psychiatrist who formerly was a close associate of Budd Hopkins but subsequently broke with him over whether "abductees" should be treated by trained psychotherapists or UFOlogists, has broadened the scope of her upcoming annual conference, to be held April 8-12 in Atlanta, Ga.

The three earlier Laibow conferences, called TREAT (Treatment and Research of Experienced Anomalous Trauma), focused on the adverse/traumatic effects reported by persons who claimed to have experienced a "UFO-abduction." The upcoming TREAT-IV conference will devote one day (April 11) to those who claim they acquired beneficial "psychic talents"--including healing--as a result of their "UFO encounters." Unlike three previous TREAT conferences, the last three days of the conference will be open to the public. Admission fee is \$275 for persons who register before Feb. 15; \$300 after-wards. To register, write TREAT-IV, P.O. Box 728, Ardsley, N.Y. 10502-0728.

In October, Laibow attended the Second All Union Scientific Conference on UFOs in Moscow, organized by Dr. Vladimir G. Azhazha. During her visit, Laibow was given samples of artifacts from an (alleged) UFO crash site on the Kolsk Peninsula which was claimed to have anomalous properties. However, after returning to the U.S., Laibow had the material analyzed by two American laboratories which were unable to detect any anomalous properties. Laibow in turn supplied her hosts with material from a purported UFO crash site in Asia, which U.S. lab analysis indicated was a conventional alloy consisting of three elements. However, Russian analysis of the sample yielded quite different results, according to Laibow.

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